

STATISTICS OF TRADE UNDER THE RECIPROCITY TREATY
WITH GREAT BRITAIN.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

Statistics of the trade under the reciprocity treaty with Great Britain.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
February 14, 1859.

SIR: In compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives adopted December 14, 1858, requesting the Secretary of the Treasury "to furnish to this House the amount and the kinds of the productions of the British colonies imported into the United States free of duties under the provisions of the treaty, signed June 5, A. D. 1854, known as the reciprocity treaty; and also the amount and kinds of the productions of the United States exported to the said British colonies under the stipulations of said treaty, from the ratification of said treaty to the present time; and also the amount and kinds of like productions imported from and exported to said colonies from the year 1850, inclusive, until the ratification of said treaty and the amount of revenue received from duties thereon during that period," I have the honor to transmit herewith three several statements prepared by the Register of the Treasury, together with a letter from that officer, explanatory thereof, exhibiting the required information.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HOWELL COBB,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. JAMES L. ORR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THIRTY-FIFTH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 14, 1858.

On motion of Mr. Kellogg,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to furnish to this House the amount and the kinds of the productions of the British colonies imported into the United States free of duties under the provisions of the treaty between Great Britain and the United States, signed June 5, A. D. 1854, known as the reciprocity treaty; and also the amount and kinds of the productions of the United States exported to the said British colonies under the stipulations of said treaty, from the ratification of said treaty to the present time; and also the amount and kinds of like productions imported from and exported to said colonies from the year 1850, inclusive, until the ratification of said treaty, and the amount of revenue received from duties thereon during that period.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Register's Office, February 12, 1859.

SIR: In reply to your reference of the above resolution, I have the honor to transmit three several statements containing the information required. The table of imports under the provisions of the treaty is compiled from returns made to this office by the collectors of the several districts in obedience to a regulation of the department, and embraces the entire trade in that direction; but as no forms have ever been prescribed for separate returns of the exports under the treaty, it has been necessary to select the amount and value of the articles with as much care and accuracy as possible from the general returns; and although great pains have been taken to make it full as possible, it is, nevertheless, to be regarded rather in the light of a close approximation to, than as an exact exhibit of, the amount exported.

I am, very respectfully, &c.,

F. BIGGER, *Register.*

Hon. HOWELL COBB,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Statement exhibiting the amount and the kinds of the productions of the United States exported to British colonies, also the amount and the kinds of the productions of the British colonies imported into the United States, under the stipulations of the reciprocity treaty, from the period when said treaty went into operation until June 30, 1858.

Articles.	Exports of domestic produce.			Imports.		
	1856.	1857.	1858.	1856.	1857.	1858.
Grain of all kinds	\$2,931,942	\$3,014,605	\$2,732,174	\$9,317,893	\$6,547,788	\$2,707,367*
Flour and breadstuffs	5,121,334	3,982,182	4,566,573	6,343,019	4,136,225	2,688,566
Animals other than for breed.....	160,333	146,208	2,049,472	1,648,409	1,727,881	1,361,164
Fresh, smoked, and salted meat.....	1,728,911	1,365,612	1,186,546	56,513	80,314	38,014
Seeds, plants, etc., made free by treaty.....	578	12,944	15,123	633	58,350	11,063
Vegetables	19,656	42,193	21,007	259,005	354,954	554,041
Undried fruits.....	95,141	34,811	40,962	6,197	10,951	7,549
Dried fruits.....				467	386	260
Fish of all kinds	47,571	48,256	54,560	1,629,938	1,635,410	1,633,031
Products of fish and of all other creatures living in the water	31				62,368	182,898
Poultry				19,184	33,180	25,423
Eggs.....				75,168	92,343	72,828
Hides and skins, undressed.....	46,605	88,345	273,062	225,441	293,045	109,793
Furs, undressed	35,913	24,920	128,357	97,163	125,696	69,443
Tails, undressed				197	755	239
Unwrought stone and marble.....				11,731	60,681	65,797
Slate.....						400
Butter	125,421	94,173	92,840	243,064	341,171	277,476
Cheese	55,549	74,981	90,607	1,141	3,026	2,547
Tallow	272,844	208,760	207,599	1,217	5,975	358
Lard.....	156,823	61,432	49,504	418	27,889	7,632
Horns				2,781	3,942	2,335
Manures						96
Ores of metals of all kinds, made free by treaty.....				21,352	43,499	389,775
Coals	429,023	395,866	318,459	338,265	396,844	389,922

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Articles.	Exports of domestic produce.			Imports.		
	1856.	1857.	1858.	1856.	1857.	1858.
Pitch, tar, and turpentine.....	\$74,320	\$76,925	\$51,218	\$504	\$1,997	-----
Ashes.....	95	952	9,773	105,726	266,234	\$116,494
Timber and lumber of all kinds, round, hewed, and sawed, unmanufactured in whole or in part.....	157,021	1,055,457	844,922	3,353,554	2,565,320	3,023,535
Fire-wood.....	23,881	3,116	77,878	218,285	213,308	183,250
Shrubs and trees.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,183	1,258
Pelts.....	-----	-----	-----	162,673	178,324	78,948
Wool.....	20,650	15,490	61,144	426,387	309,264	249,071
Fish oil.....	210,381	205,050	119,406	163,465	274,878	161,400
Rice.....	87,410	41,732	32,266	-----	-----	-----
Gypsum, ground.....	-----	-----	-----	670	1,474	575
Broom-corn.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	133	-----
Bark.....	11,269	3,050	2,742	9,102	5,702	6,731
Burr and grindstones.....	-----	-----	-----	43,494	56,821	60,843
Dye-stuffs.....	-----	-----	-----	78	-----	-----
Flax, hemp, and tow.....	27,405	25,691	37,913	3,141	8,386	9,009
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....	126,506	205,750	93,385	4,154	3,398	2,346
Rags.....	-----	-----	-----	29,457	22,833	19,134
	11,966,613	11,228,501	13,157,492	24,819,886	19,951,928	14,510,611

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *Register's Office*, February 12, 1859.F. BIGGER, *Register*.

Statement exhibiting the value and kinds of the productions of Canada and other British North American colonies made free under the provisions of the reciprocity treaty, imported into the United States from 1850, inclusive, until the period when said treaty went into operation; also the amount of revenue accruing from duties thereon during that period.

Articles.	1850.	1851.	1852.	1853.	1854.	1855.	Aggregate.	Rate per cent.	Duties.	Remarks.
Grain of all kinds.....	\$1,038,662	\$821,776	\$722,494	\$1,037,337	\$2,111,949	\$1,583,898	\$7,316,116	20	\$1,463,223 20	Not including corn, that article not being enumerated in the forms.
Flour and breadstuffs	1,200,186	1,011,811	1,014,389	976,487	1,794,949	1,852,066	7,849,888	20	1,569,977 60	Not including corn-meal, that article not being enumerated in the forms.
Animals other than for breed										Not enumerated in the forms of these years.
Fresh, smoked, and salted meat	8,985	1,724	37,340	29,165	4,431	4,013	85,658	20	17,131 60	Including beef, pork, hams, and other bacon only.
Seeds, plants, &c., (made free under treaty.)										Not enumerated in the forms of these years.
Vegetables	37,711	73,666	90,483	76,601	88,405	129,076	495,942	30	148,782 60	Including potatoes only.
Undried fruits						806	806	20	161 20	Enumerated only in the forms of 1855.
Dried fruits	439	172	203	57	83	225	1,179	20	235 80	
Fish of all kinds	532,663	764,314	602,507	845,448	894,081	807,161	4,446,174	20	889,234 80	
Products of fish and of all other creatures living in the water.										Not enumerated in the forms of these years.
Poultry										Do. do.
Eggs										Do. do.
Hides and skins, undressed	33,608	36,784	29,251	51,816	34,729	38,592	224,780	5	11,239 00	
Furs, undressed	12,662	10,525	11,289	13,585	13,920	5,977	67,958	10	6,795 80	
Tails, undressed										Do. do.
Unwrought stone and marble			641		4		645	20	129 00	Marble only is included here, stone not being enumerated in the forms.
Slate	1		1,178			950	2,129	25	532 25	
Butter	53,276	36,799	77,767	197,045	126,811	84,773	576,471	20	115,294 20	
Cheese	33	58	13	456	137	589	1,286	30	385 80	
Tallow	97	51	25	69	37	13	292	10	29 20	
Lard	2	57	5,987	941	837	44	7,868	20	1,573 60	
Horns										Not enumerated in the forms of these years.
Manures										Do. do.
Ores of metals of all kinds, made free by treaty.										Do. do.
Coals	188,784	221,681	161,755	212,447	254,774	243,784	1,283,225	30	384,967 50	Do. do.
Pitch, tar, and turpentine										Do. do.
Ashes										Do. do.
Timber and lumber of all kinds, round, hewed, and sawed, unmanufactured in whole or in part.										Do. do.
Fire-wood	159,155	228,730	259,899	391,188	586,039	523,541	2,148,552	30	644,565 00	

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Articles.	1850.	1851.	1852.	1853.	1854.	1855.	Aggregate.	Rate per cent.	Duties.	Remarks.
Shrubs and trees										Not enumerated in the forms of these years.
Pelts										Do. do.
Wool	\$59,924	\$92,918	\$73,292	\$53,530	\$69,080	\$13,890	\$362,634	30	\$108,790 20	
Fish oil	16,741	1,175	1,027	225,795	110,387	26,200	381,325	20	76,265 00	Including "whale oil."
Rice										Not enumerated in the forms of these years.
Gypsum, ground										Do. do.
Broom-corn										Do. do.
Bark										Do. do.
Burr and grindstones										Do. do.
Dye-stuffs	1,202	763	1,029	281	265	338	3,878	5	193 90	Including only "dye-wood in stick," no other dye-stuffs being enumerated in forms.
Flax, hemp, and tow	5	2,239		13		504	2,761	15	414 15	No hemp or tow imported from Canada or other British American colonies during the period above specified.
Tobacco, unmanufactured	4	444	25	89	2,915	73	3,550	30	1,065 00	
Rags	11,776	9,852	13,729	19,499	12,696	14,185	81,737	5	4,086 85	
Total	3,355,916	3,315,539	3,104,323	4,131,849	6,106,529	5,330,698	25,344,854	5,445,073 85	

NOTE.—It is to be observed that many of the articles made free by the reciprocity treaty, and above specified, separate abstracts of which are now returned under the directions of the Treasury Department, were not enumerated in the forms of the years included in this statement, and no means exists of ascertaining the value of such articles if imported.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Register's Office, February 12, 1859.

F. BIGGER, Register.

Statement exhibiting the value and kinds of the productions of the United States exported to Canada and other British North American colonies from 1850, inclusive, to the period when the reciprocity treaty went into operation, as far as the same can be given.

Articles.	1850.	1851.	1852.	1853.	1854.	1855.
Fruit, undried	\$5,406	\$12,216	\$17,288	\$19,567	\$13,207	\$19,917
Ashes, pot and pearl	3,554	8,845	1,217	5,119	5,333	-----
Beef, tallow, hides, and horned cattle	238,148	361,517	221,894	235,442	297,672	354,602
Boards, plank, scantling, hewn timber, shingles, staves, heading, masts and spars	28,376	45,386	18,672	100,680	189,422	114,869
Other lumber	3,040	3,989	2,088	7,516	11,517	8,654
Butter and cheese	53,607	96,898	34,122	224,317	64,136	85,549
Seeds, &c.	-----	89	-----	90	600	12,372
Coals	41,362	45,124	47,305	72,505	171,428	352,568
Fish—						
Dried or smoked	831	2,429	4,042	4,071	13,357	12,373
Pickled	1,906	1,646	1,777	3,827	16,074	11,947
Grain of all kinds	385,293	485,521	532,854	417,314	1,269,725	1,425,811
Breadstuffs—						
Wheat flour	1,184,055	1,137,137	816,024	960,146	1,427,758	2,247,476
Indian meal	239,885	174,888	103,850	113,375	305,211	574,130
Rye meal	184,997	115,973	41,435	21,686	79,125	147,174
Rice	46,373	47,121	43,691	36,439	68,121	75,849
Hemp	3,994	23,045	16,555	16,571	29,937	33,578
Hams, bacon, pork, lard, and hogs	380,205	558,198	276,971	363,571	1,023,222	1,155,398
Horses and mules	15,398	4,365	9,821	10,799	29,193	53,931
Sheep	87	579	260	313	1,407	5,457
Oak bark	466	1,859	1,734	3,143	1,869	9,990
Oil—						
Spermaceti	13,158	27,696	21,355	10,180	21,788	15,271
Whale and other fish	37,647	15,887	24,644	35,320	14,786	88,093
Products of fish and of all other creatures living in the water	19	53	102	61	969	64
Skins and furs, undressed	6,269	12,358	15,167	8,813	86,541	57,456

STATEMENT—Continued.

Articles.	1850.	1851.	1852.	1853.	1854.	1855.
Tar, pitch, rosin, and turpentine.....	\$22,604	\$26,443	\$27,175	\$31,926	\$79,924	\$74,078
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....	57,006	79,975	30,037	25,396	107,562	70,177
Vegetables.....	397	199	322	2,407	2,162	19,027
Wool.....	305	-----	12,627	14,800	30,948	7,802
	2,954,388	3,289,436	2,323,029	2,745,394	5,362,994	7,033,613

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